GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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GRANTS FOR SCHEDULED CASTES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to spend over Rs.1 ,433 crore during the current financial year to raise the socio-economic status for 40.91 lakh Scheduled Castes; and

(b) if so,the action plan made by the Government to spend this amount?;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) A sum of Rs. 1815.50 crores has been provided in the Annual Plan 2008-09 of the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under schemes for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes.Grants/funds are released to State GovernmentiUnion Territories/NGOs etc.,as per the provisions of the relevant scheme and applicable guidelines/norms/rules.Constant follow-up action is taken to ensure timely release of funds in a phased manner.